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Grants Totaling \$14.4 Million Will Provide Employment And Training Services For California Workers To Find High-Wage Jobs In Growing Industries

SACRAMENTO – Twenty-six agencies will receive a total of \$14,418,204 to fund special programs statewide that will help new workers find jobs and retrain existing workers in high-need and high-wage sectors of the economy.

“Keeping California’s businesses competitive in the global economy is a top priority of Governor Schwarzenegger,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. “With these grants, workers in a wide range of industries in California will be able to develop the skills they need to obtain high-wage jobs and contribute to the state’s growing economy.”

Grants were awarded based on solicitations for proposals from a variety of private, public, and non-profit organizations located throughout California. Organizations receiving grants will provide employment and training services focusing on one of three specific areas.

One group of grants will prepare job seekers for high-wage, high-skill jobs that help California businesses in growth industries succeed and expand. These grants will provide job training that workers need for high-wage, high-skill occupations in growing industries that are expected to play a major role in the continued expansion of California’s economy, such as automotive services, emergency medical providers, construction, manufacturing, defense and utilities/communications.

The second group of grants will address training and employment demands for industries with a statewide workforce need. The targeted industries fall into three categories: healthcare/nursing, logistics, and infrastructure development, which includes the construction and mass transit sectors.

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The third group of grants will provide customized services and training to help workers with special needs, specifically ex-offender parolees and those in recovery from substance abuse, overcome employment barriers. The training provided will help workers find entry-level jobs and upgrade their skill levels for demand occupations as determined locally.

The employment and training services funded by these grants will begin on various dates, depending on the specific project. Most projects are expected to begin in January 2007 and continue through December 2008.

These services will be provided with Workforce Investment Act funds drawn from the Governor's 15 Percent portion of the federal Workforce Investment Act. The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Development Department exercises oversight authority for the funds.

LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS:

GROWTH INDUSTRIES

Grant Recipient	Targeted Industry	County	WIA 15 Percent Award Amount
Managed Career Solutions, Inc.	Emergency Medical Technicians	Los Angeles	\$600,000
North Central Counties Consortium	Automotive Service Industry	Sutter	\$592,000
Richmond City	Construction	Contra Costa	\$600,000
Sacramento Employment Training Agency	Construction	Sacramento	\$600,000
San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council Training	Utilities/Communications, Defense and Manufacturing	San Diego	\$600,000
San Joaquin County	Manufacturing	San Joaquin	\$600,000
Total Funding			\$3,592,000

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INDUSTRIES WITH A STATEWIDE NEED

Grant Recipient	Targeted Industry	County	WIA 15 Percent Award Amount
California Labor Federation	Infrastructure Development - Mass Transit	Alameda	\$600,000
Chaffey College	Infrastructure Development – Construction	San Bernardino	\$481,354
Community Career Development	Logistics	Los Angeles	\$600,000
Foundation for California State University, San Bernardino	Healthcare/ Nursing	San Bernardino	\$600,000
Imperial Valley Regional Occupation	Healthcare/ Nursing	Imperial	\$600,000
Long Beach City	Logistics	Los Angeles	\$600,000
Los Angeles City	Infrastructure Development - Construction	Los Angeles	\$600,000
Mendocino County	Healthcare/ Nursing	Mendocino	\$589,848
Monterey County	Healthcare/ Nursing	Monterey	\$528,705
North Central Counties Consortium	Healthcare/ Nursing	Sutter	\$350,000
Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium	Healthcare/ Nursing	Butte	\$600,000
Rural Human Services Incorporated	Healthcare/ Nursing	Del Norte	\$396,646
Sacramento Employment Training Agency	Healthcare/ Nursing	Sacramento	\$600,000
Shirley Ware Education Center	Healthcare/ Nursing	Alameda	\$600,000
West Hills Community College District	Healthcare/ Nursing	Fresno	\$600,000
Total Funding			\$8,346,553

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ADVANCING WORKERS WITH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT**Serving Ex-Offenders**

Grant Recipient	Target Populations	County	WIA 15 Percent Funds	Department of Corrections Funds	Total Award Amount
Fresno Career Development Institute, Inc.	Adult parolees	Fresno	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Men of Valor Academy	Parolees	Alameda	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
San Diego Second Chance Program	Parolees and those in recovery from substance abuse	San Diego	\$229,651	\$250,000	\$479,651

Special Populations

South Bay Center for Counseling	Disadvantaged youth and adults with barriers to work	Los Angeles	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
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Advancing Minimum Wage Workers

Rubicon Programs Incorporated	Working poor CalWORKs recipients	Contra Costa	\$500,000		\$500,000
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Total Funding			\$1,729,651	\$750,000	\$2,479,651
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